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PLANT
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Attorney Docket No.

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First Named Inventor

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Title

Hosta plant named 'Independence'

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapters 600 & 1600 concerning plant patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages seven]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Latin name of genus and species
 - Variety denomination
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings
 - Detailed Botanical Description
 - A single claim
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Color drawing(s) [Total Sheets two]
(2 copies required - 37 CFR 1.165(b))
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages two]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
 - DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
- English Translation Document (if applicable)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment
- Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
- Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- Request Nonpublication under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form
PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
- Other:

Note: Please state the Latin name and variety denomination of the plant
claimed in a separate section of the specification.

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

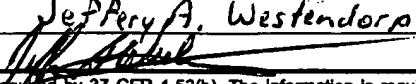
Prior application information: Examiner _____ Art Unit: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 265.00)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385			Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170			Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265			Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385			Reissue filing fee	265
1005	160	2005	80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 265)							

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		-20** =	
Independent Claims		-3** =	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Fee Description	
1202	18	2202	9			Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43			Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43			** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ -)							

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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4. Specification for new plant patent application with one claim and abstract totaling seven pages (2 copies)
5. Two drawing sheets of invention (2 copies each, four pages total)
6. Check for total payment of small entity Plant filing fee in the amount of \$265
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May 20, 2004

Mr. Commissioner:

Respectfully submitted and enclosed is the U. S. Plant Patent Application for *Hosta* plant named 'Independence'.

Jeffery A. Westendorp, the inventor, is hereby making written assertion, in addition to paying the small entity plant patent filing fee, that he meets the requirements for small entity status, and has not assigned, nor in under any obligation to assign to any entity that would not meet the requirements of a small entity.

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Please accept this application for plant patent.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffery A. Westendorp